I...
I'M NOT... MISTAKEN ...
YOU'RE THE DEVIL !!
SHER-LOCK !!!
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THE YEAR 1866
ENG-LAND, IN THE OUT-SKIRTS OF LONDON.
GOOD DAY.
HOW MAY I HELP YOU,
YOUNG MASTER MORIARTY?

HERE'S SOME MAIL, IF YOU PLEASE.
YOU CAME SPECIALLY TO BRING THIS TO US YOURSELF?
I WAS OUT FOR A WALK.
FROM YOUR MOTHER,
OF COURSE.
AAAAH!!

WHAAAT...?! BUST?!
...THIS ISN'T A CASINO! DO IT AT A PUB!
...WHAT SHOULD I DO?
TWIST? STICK?
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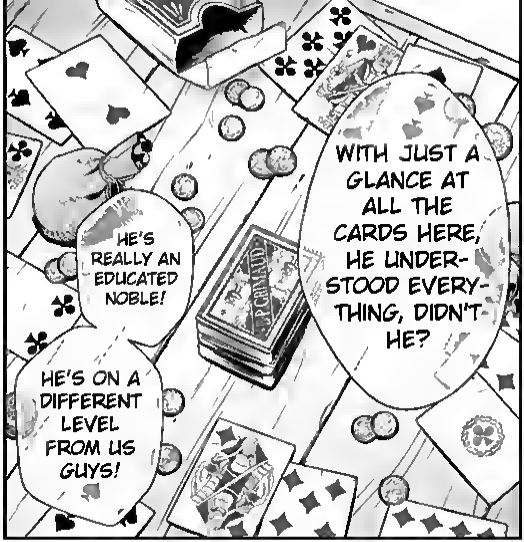
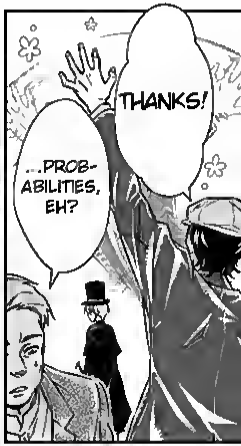
TWIST.
EH?


WITH JUST A GLANCE AT ALL THE CARDS HERE, HE UNDERSTOOD EVERYTHING, DIDN'T HE?
HE'S REALLY AN EDUCATED NOBLE!
HE'S ON A DIFFERENT LEVEL FROM US GUYS!


THANKS!
...PROBABILITIES, EH?

OUR BOY IS GOING TO START SCHOOL, BUT HE DOESN'T KNOW MUCH ABOUT NUMBERS..
IT'S BEEN A MONTH, BUT THIS PLANT HASN'T SPROUTED AT ALL!
YOUNG MASTER! WOULD YOU BE SO KIND AS TO GIVE US SOME ADVICE?

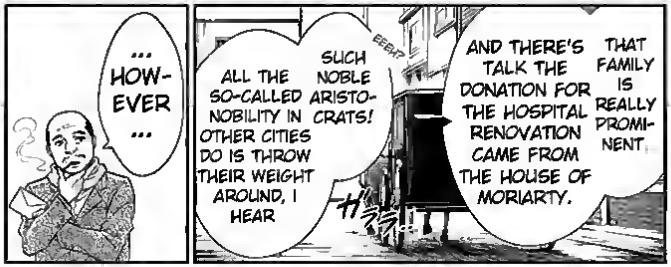
...OH, LORD ALBERT!

GOOD DAY.
THREE PEOPLE DIVIDED THESE APPLES BETWEEN THEM, TAKING TWO EACH...
BEGONIAS WOULD DO BETTER WITH MORE SHADE AND LESS WATER.

YOU SURE ...?!
Y-YOU ..
OOOHH!
TWIST.
IT'S 21!!!
OOOOHH-!
AMAZING, YOUNG MASTER!
CAN YOU SEE THE FUTURE?
HAHA
BY NO MEANS!
IN PONTOON, AS LONG AS YOU CALCULATE THE PROBABILITIES, YOU HAVE AN 80 PER CENT CHANCE OF WINNING.

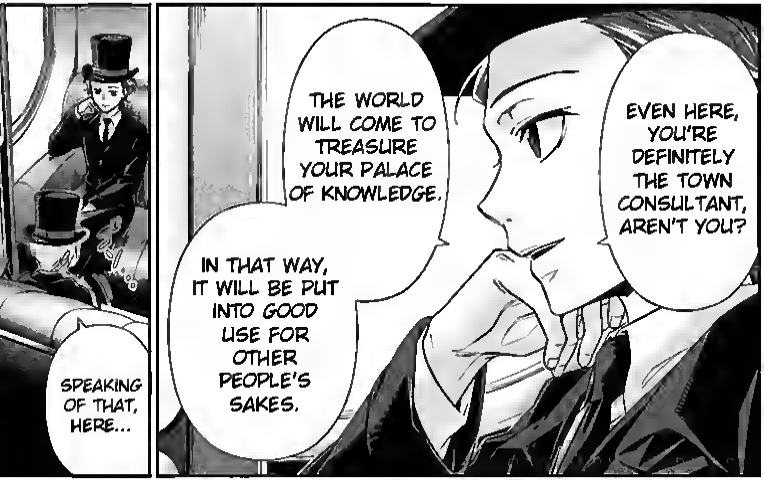
LET'S GO HOME TOGETHER.
WANT TO COME ABOARD?
YOU'VE BEEN OUT TODAY?
YES
I WENT TO THE LIBRARY BECAUSE OF EASTER HOLIDAY HOMEWORK.
BROTHER.
YES,
OH... HOW HE'S GROWN ...
THAT'S EARL MORI-ARTY'S SON, OF COURSE.
WHAT ARE YOU TALK-ING ABOUT?
WHO WAS THAT? SUCH A REFINED CHILD.
WHAT A NUIS-ANCE!
OI! THAT'S ENOUGH, BREAK IT UP!

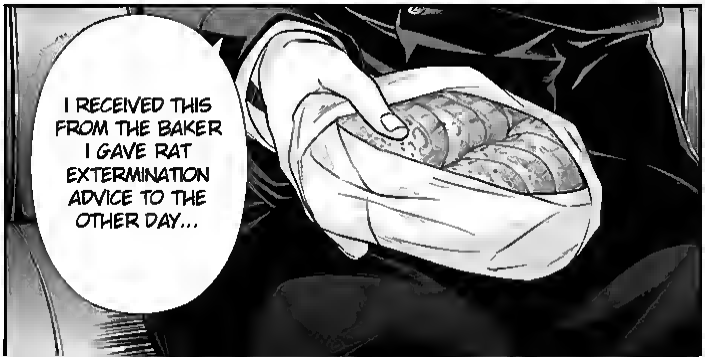
THE ELDEST SON IS LORD ALBERT...
...HMM...
AND THE SECOND SON IS LORD WILLIAM, RIGHT?


...HOW-EVER...
ALL THE SO-CALLED NOBILITY IN OTHER CITIES DO IS THROW THEIR WEIGHT AROUND, I HEAR
SUCH NOBLE ARISTO-CRATS!
EEEH?
AND THERE'S TALK THE DONATION FOR THE HOSPITAL RENOVATION CAME FROM THE HOUSE OF MORIARTY.
THAT FAMILY IS REALLY PROMI-NENT.

THAT YOUNG MASTER...
I CAN'T QUITE REMEMBER HIS FACE...

I SEE YOU'RE AS POPULAR AS EVER.
PROBLEMS FOISTED UPON YOU AGAIN?
FOR TODAY, FLOWERS AND A BIT OF ARITHMETIC
...ALSO, I MEDDLED IN SOME GAMBLING...


EVEN HERE, YOU'RE DEFINITELY THE TOWN CONSULTANT, AREN'T YOU?
THE WORLD WILL COME TO TREASURE YOUR PALACE OF KNOWLEDGE.
IN THAT WAY, IT WILL BE PUT INTO GOOD USE FOR OTHER PEOPLE'S SAKES.
SPEAKING OF THAT, HERE...


I RECEIVED THIS FROM THE BAKER I GAVE RAT EXTERMINATION ADVICE TO THE OTHER DAY...

KEEP QUIET ABOUT IT AND EAT IT TOGETHER WITH LEWIS.
THAT'S YOUR WELL-EARNED REWARD!
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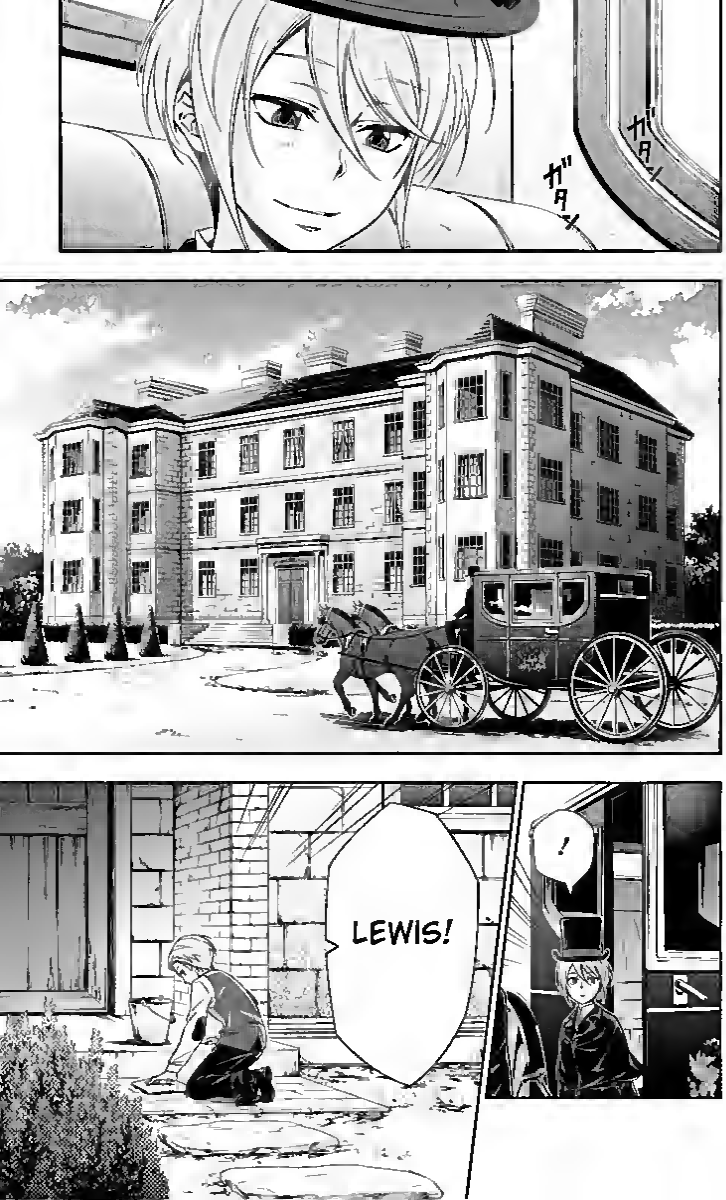
... EVERY TIME, YOU ..
... THANK YOU SO MUCH...
I'LL BE YOUR ACCOMPLICE.
IF, BY SOME CHANCE, THEY FIND OUT AND GIVE YOU TROUBLE,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LEWIS!
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WELCOME HOME, BROTHER.
YOU STILL HAVEN'T GONE TO BED ...
WHAT ARE YOU UP TO?
HE'S MAKING HIMSELF USEFUL.
NOTHING WRONG WITH RECEIVING AN EXTRA HAND.
SO GOOD TO HAVE YOU BACK,
YOUNG MASTER ALBERT.
... BEING SELFISH AGAIN...

NO!
I LET HIM RIDE!
KNOW YOUR PLACE!
WHO GAVE YOU PERMISSION TO RIDE IN THE FAMILY CARRIAGE?!
OI, YOU!!
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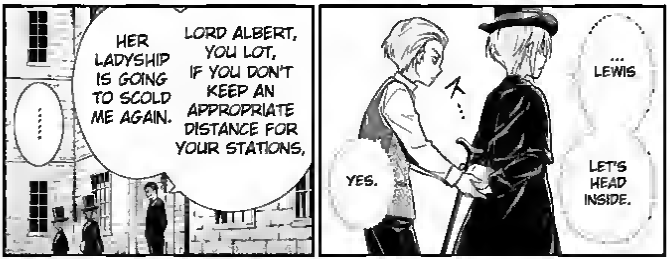
HER LADYSHIP IS GOING TO SCOLD ME AGAIN.
LORD ALBERT, YOU LOT, IF YOU DON'T KEEP AN APPROPRIATE DISTANCE FOR YOUR STATIONS,
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YES.
LET'S HEAD INSIDE.
… LEWIS

LORD ALBERT'S HAND-ME-DOWNS ARE TOO GOOD FOR THE LIKES OF YOU…
AND THOSE SHOES.
QUICKLY, TAKE OFF THAT COAT,

JUST A WHILE BACK, THAT KID WAS SCAVENGING THROUGH SCRAPS IN BACK ALLEYS. WHO WOULD HAVE THOUGHT?
...
HOW ENVIABLE.
WEARING EXPENSIVE CLOTHES, NOT NEEDING TO DO HOUSEWORK, STROLLING ABOUT TOWN...
I'VE TRULY FALLEN SO FAR ...
...TO HAVE ENDED UP SERVING SOMEONE SO FAR BELOW MY STATION,
I'M BACK HOME.
YOU SENT MY LETTER PROPERLY, DIDN'T YOU?

YES, MOTHER.
THAT'S NOT WHAT I WANT, NOW, IS IT?
RAISING ORPHANS IS AN ENDEAVOUR NOBILITY TAKE ON!
IT'S CHA-RITY WORK!
WHO INVITED YOU TO BE AN ADOPTED SON?
I AM A NOBLE, DO NOT ADDRESS ME AS "MOTHER"!
YOU FILTHY, UNDER-CLASS... !!!

....
TCH-!

MOTHER
...?

WILLIAM
...
...
...WI-
...
WEL-
COME
HOME!
CLASSES
ENDED
EARLY
TODAY,
I SEE!
HUH
...
I HEARD
SHOUTING, SO
I THOUGHT YOU
AND FATHER
WERE HAVING
A FIGHT AGAIN.
THAT'S
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HERE?
IS HE AT
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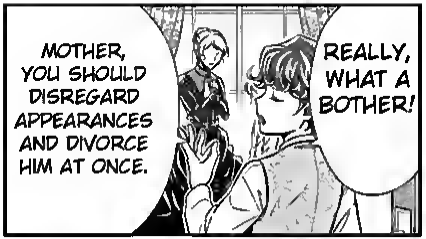
AGAIN
TODAY?


MOTHER, YOU SHOULD DISREGARD APPEARANCES AND DIVORCE HIM AT ONCE.
REALLY, WHAT A BOTHER!

OR IS HE AT THAT WOMAN'S PLACE AGAIN?

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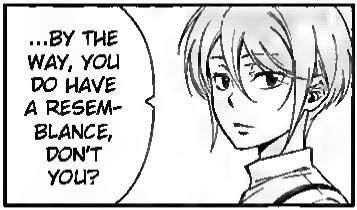
WHEN A WOMAN OF LOW STANDING'S HUSBAND STRAYS, AND HIGH SOCIETY FINDS OUT, SHE'LL BE A LAUGHING STOCK FOR THE REST OF HER LIFE.
BUT THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE, ISN'T IT?


...BY THE WAY, YOU DO HAVE A RESEMBLANCE, DON'T YOU?

LET'S HAVE TEA IN MY ROOM!
LATER,

AS THAT WOMAN.
YOU HAVE THE SAME HAIR COLOUR

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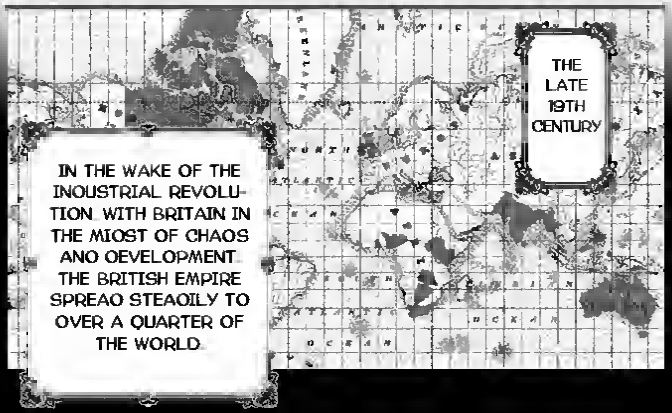
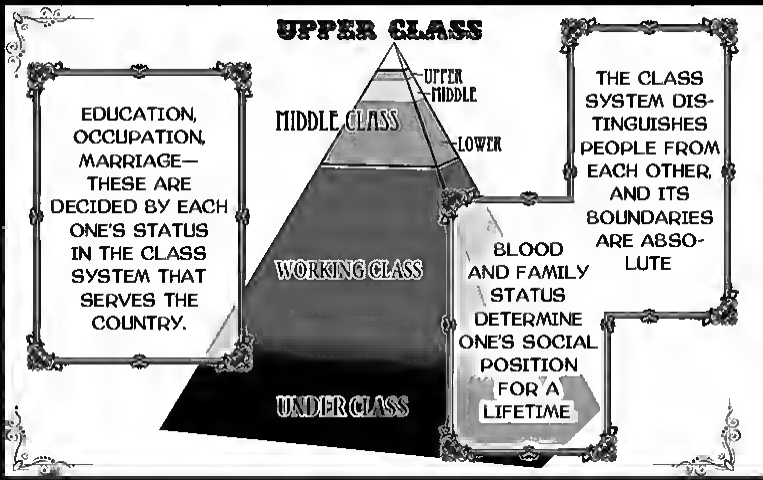
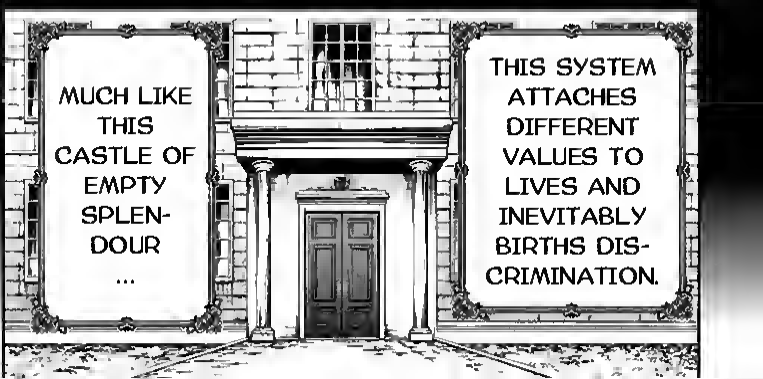

THE LATE 19TH CENTURY
IN THE WAKE OF THE INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION, WITH BRITAIN IN THE MIDST OF CHAOS AND DEVELOPMENT, THE BRITISH EMPIRE SPREAD STEADILY TO OVER A QUARTER OF THE WORLD.

THOSE WHO RULE AT THE TOP ARE THE "UPPER CLASS".
IN AGES PAST, AN ALL-ENCOMPASS-ING CLASS SYSTEM HAD TAKEN ROOT IN THIS COUNTRY.
THE GREATEST EMPIRE IN HISTORY, RULED BY A RACE THAT MADE UP LESS THAN 3% OF THE POPULATION.


UPPER CLASS
UPPER MIDDLE
MIDDLE CLASS
LOWER
WORKING CLASS
UNDER CLASS
EDUCATION, OCCUPATION, MARRIAGE— THESE ARE DECIDED BY EACH ONE'S STATUS IN THE CLASS SYSTEM THAT SERVES THE COUNTRY.
THE CLASS SYSTEM DIS-TINGUISHES PEOPLE FROM EACH OTHER, AND ITS BOUNDARIES ARE ABSO-LUTE
BLOOD AND FAMILY STATUS DETERMINE ONE'S SOCIAL POSITION FOR A LIFETIME


MUCH LIKE THIS CASTLE OF EMPTY SPLEN-DOUR ...
THIS SYSTEM ATTACHES DIFFERENT VALUES TO LIVES AND INEVITABLY BIRTHS DIS-CRIMINATION.

THERE'S NO ROOM FOR IMPROPER ADDRESS IN THIS COUNTRY.
...SO, YOU CAME.
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... YES ...
SIMON, POUR HIM SOME TEA.
SIT DOWN.
THAT WILL BE ALL.
BUT ...
IT'S ALRIGHT.
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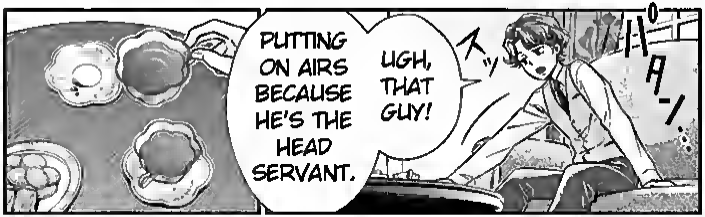
STOP BEING SO RUDE.
THAT'S RIGHT, HE'S BECOME A MEMBER OF THE HOUSE-HOLD.
...MY APO-LOGIES.

I WON'T STEAL OR ANYTHING.


PUTTING ON AIRS BECAUSE HE'S THE HEAD SERVANT.
UGH, THAT GUY!
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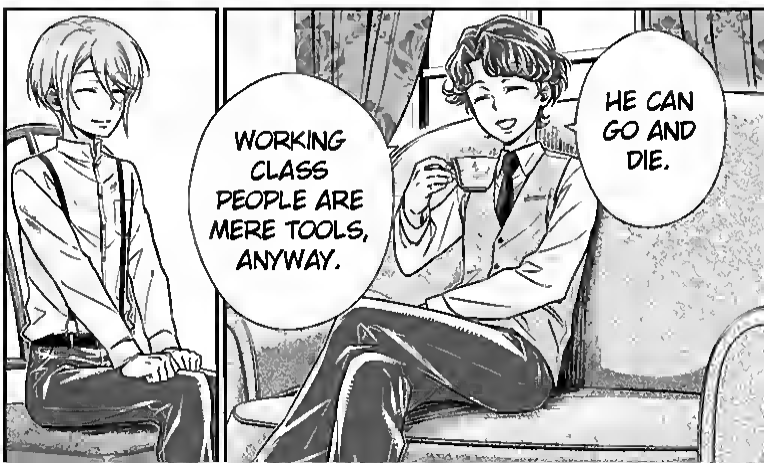
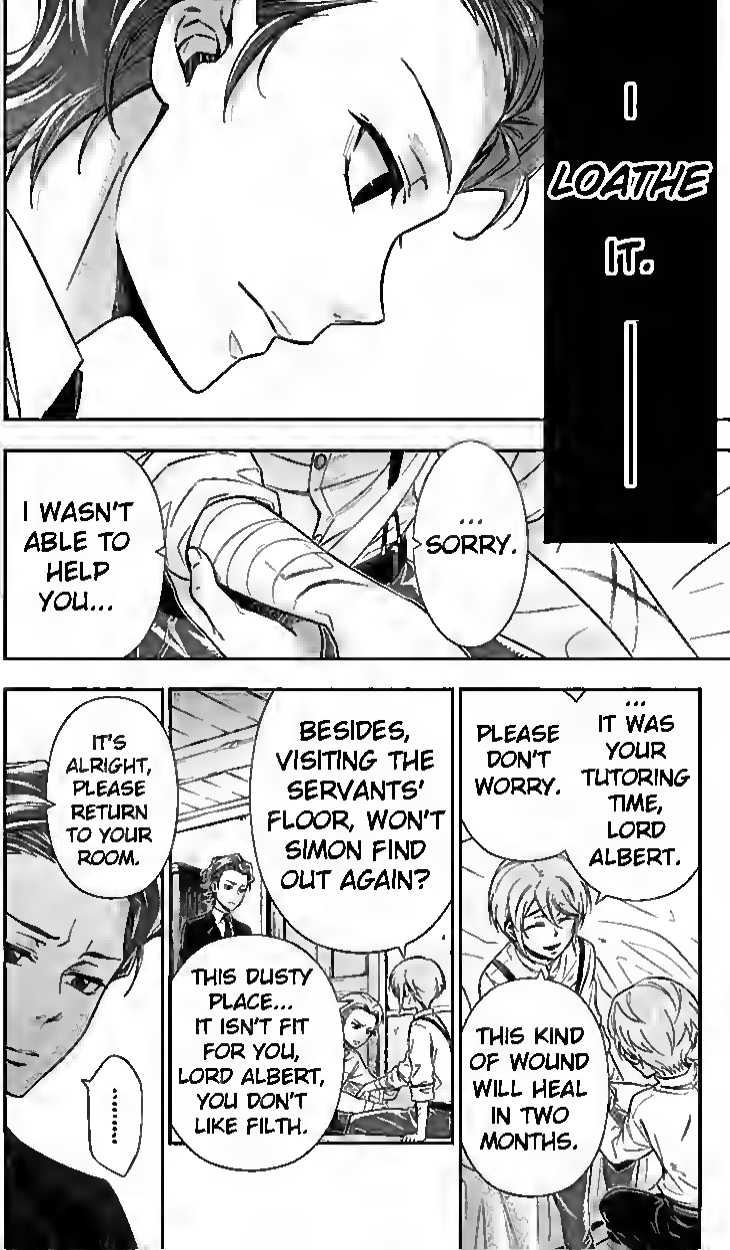

WORKING CLASS PEOPLE ARE MERE TOOLS, ANYWAY.
HE CAN GO AND DIE.

IT'S BEEN AROUND A YEAR SINCE YOU TWO CAME HERE.
HOW IS LEWIS' CONDITION?
HE'S BEEN TAKING CARE AND GETTING REST, HE'LL BE HEALTHY SOON.
HIS HEART HAS ALSO BECOME NORMAL.
AFTER ALL, IT WAS FOR THE FAMILY'S ADOPTED SON, WASN'T IT?
WE TOOK HIM IN FROM THE ORPHANAGE WITH HIS OLDER BROTHER.
ALL THANKS TO THE SURGERY HIS LORDSHIP AND HER LADYSHIP SPONSORED.
"NOBLESSE OBLIGE" IS A DETESTABLE IDEA.
A PERSON WITH A STRONG SENSE OF JUSTICE SHOULD EASILY BE PLACATED BY THAT.
"NOBLES HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO USE THEIR WEALTH, INFLUENCE, AND KNOWLEDGE IN SERVICE OF COMMONERS."
WITH SKILL, ONE CAN GAIN FULL CONTROL OF THIS HOUSE.
ANYWAY, SINCE ALBERT, THE ELDEST SON, IS TO SUCCEED AS THE HEAD OF THE HOUSE OF MORIARTY,

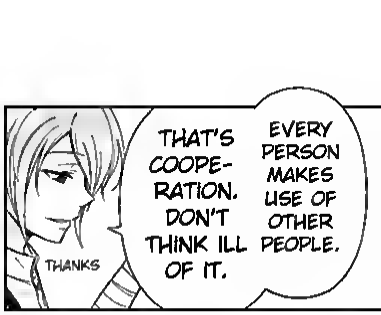
I WON'T BE DECIEVED.
YOU WILL NOT BE RAISED TO OUR STATION.
...THAT'S YOUR AIM, ISN'T IT?
...THERE-FORE,
MERE RUBBISH IS RUBBISH UNTIL DEATH.
SFX: POURING
YOU BE CRUSHED UNDER-FOOT ONCE MORE.
LET WILLIAM JAMES MORIARTY SEE

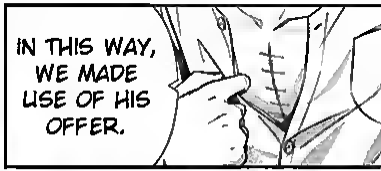
I HATE THIS WORLD.
I HATE IT.
THIS COUNTRY THAT CURSES SOULS WITH "CLASS" FROM BIRTH.

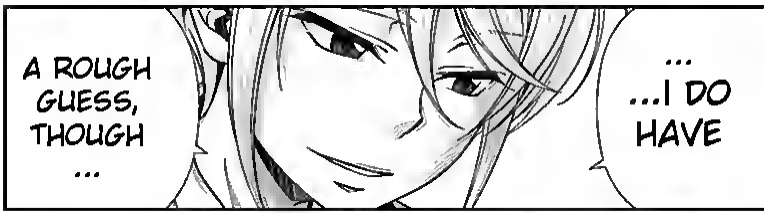

I LOATHE IT.
I WASN'T ABLE TO HELP YOU...
... SORRY.
IT'S ALRIGHT, PLEASE RETURN TO YOUR ROOM.
BESIDES, VISITING THE SERVANTS' FLOOR, WON'T SIMON FIND OUT AGAIN?
THIS DUSTY PLACE... IT ISN'T FIT FOR YOU, LORD ALBERT, YOU DON'T LIKE FILTH.
... PLEASE DON'T WORRY.
... IT WAS YOUR TUTORING TIME, LORD ALBERT.
THIS KIND OF WOUND WILL HEAL IN TWO MONTHS.

WHY DID LORD ALBERT INVITE US TO THIS HOUSE...
... BROTHER,
WAS IT PITY ON US FOR MY ILLNESS?
WAS IT HIS DUTY AS A NOBLE?
IN THAT CASE, WHAT ON EARTH DOES HE GET FROM US IN RETURN?
SURELY, HE SAVED US,
BUT ...

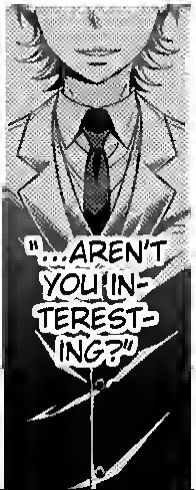
LET'S WAIT A BIT MORE,
AND SEE WHAT HE'LL ASK OF US.


THANKS
THAT'S COOPE-RATION. DON'T THINK ILL OF IT.
EVERY PERSON MAKES USE OF OTHER PEOPLE.

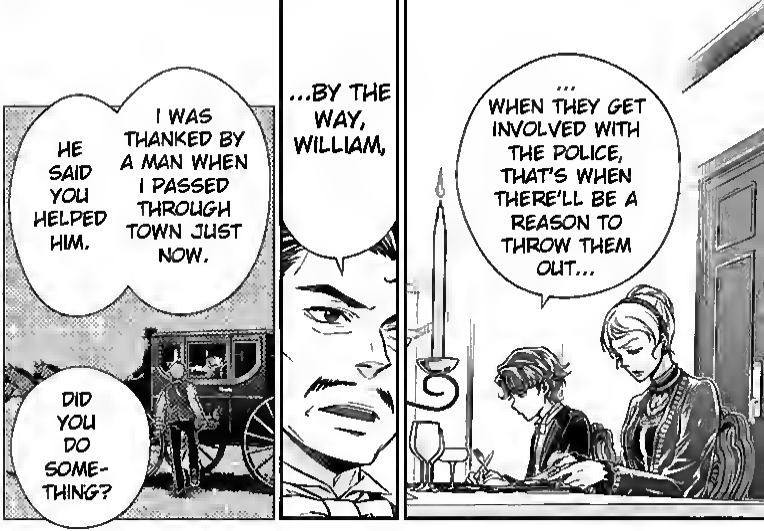

IN THIS WAY, WE MADE USE OF HIS OFFER.


A ROUGH GUESS, THOUGH ...
...I DO HAVE ...

"COME TO MY HOUSE,
WE'LL PROVIDE EVERY-THING FOR YOU!"


"...AREN'T YOU IN-TEREST-ING?"

YOUR 13TH BIRTHDAY IS ALREADY TOMORROW, WILLIAM.
AND YOU'RE PREPARING TO ENTER PUBLIC SCHOOL IN AUTUMN.
PLEASE STUDY HARDER FROM NOW ON,
SO YOU CAN BECOME A TOP STUDENT AT ETON LIKE ALBERT.
...I CAN'T CON-CEN-TRATE.
IT'S THOSE INFERIOR CREATURES BEING KEPT UNDER THE SAME ROOF AS US.
THEY'RE ALLOWED TO DO ANYTHING, WILL IT EVER BE DEALT WITH?
DEAR, WE'VE HAD ENOUGH.
DID YOU KNOW, A WHILE EARLIER, THE POOR BOY HAD TEA POURED ON HIM?
LET'S SEND THEM OUT.
AND THE YOUNGER ONE ALREADY SEEMS TO HAVE RECOVERED, HE DOESN'T GIVE ANY COMPLAINTS.
THAT'S EASY TO SAY.
LETTING GO OF ORPHANS AFTER ADOPTING THEM... THE BRUNT OF RAISING THEM WAS BORNE BY ME.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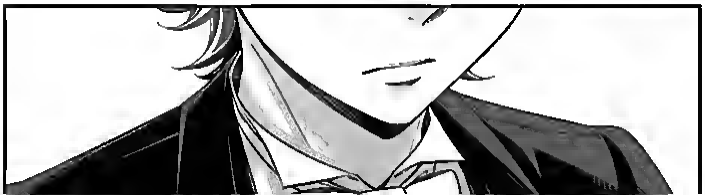
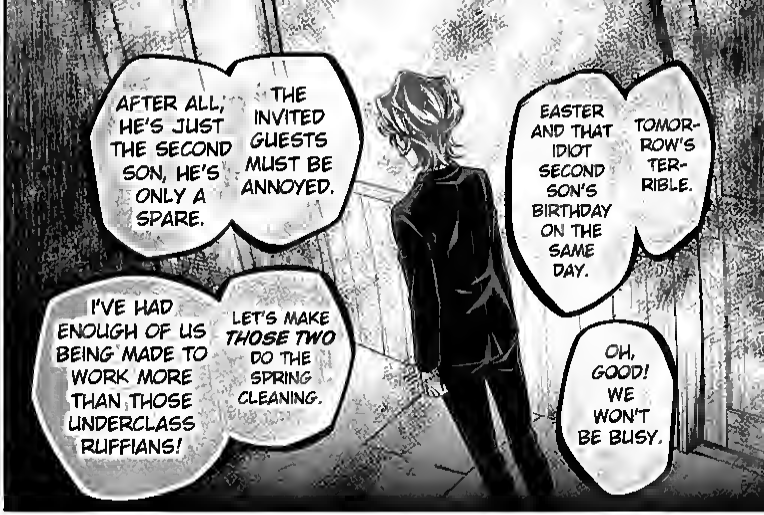
WHEN THEY GET INVOLVED WITH THE POLICE, THAT'S WHEN THERE'LL BE A REASON TO THROW THEM OUT...
...BY THE WAY, WILLIAM,
I WAS THANKED BY A MAN WHEN I PASSED THROUGH TOWN JUST NOW.
HE SAID YOU HELPED HIM.
DID YOU DO SOME-THING?

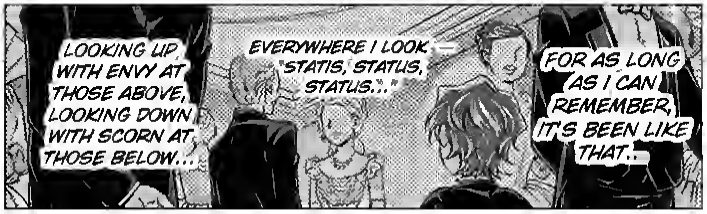
...IN TOWN?
WHAT? HE MUST'VE BEEN MIS-TAKEN.
I NEVER STEP OUT OF THE CARRIAGE, OR TALK TO COMMONERS, OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT.
...
OH, INDEED.
THEIR VULGAR SPEECH IS UN-BEAR-ABLE.

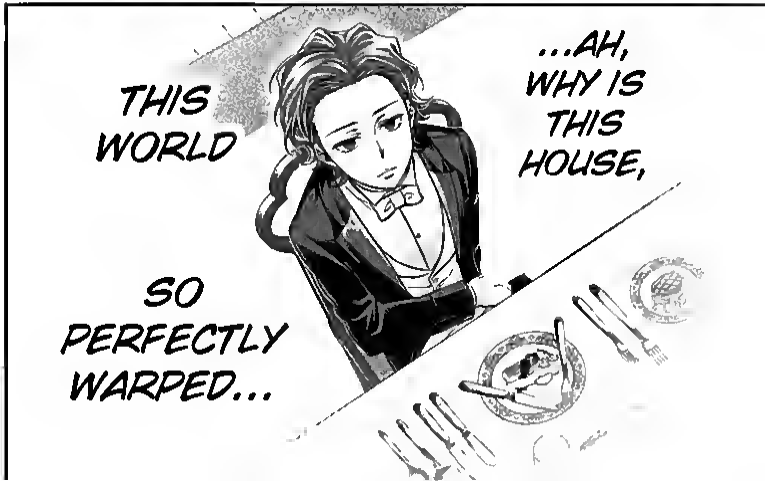


MOTHER,
CAN I STAY UP LATE TONIGHT?
SINCE MY BIRTHDAY IS ON THE SAME DAY AS EASTER THIS YEAR, I WANT TO HAVE A GRAND PARTY.
I'VE GOT LOTS TO PREPARE.
I THINK I'LL INVITE JOSEPH, AND MERLIN, AND...
OH, IT CAN'T BE HELPED ...
TELL SIMON TO KEEP THE MANSION LIGHTS ON.
...DON'T INVITE BARON KIMBLE'S CHILDREN.

I HEAR THEIR HOUSE IS IN BAD STANDING.
THEY CAN'T PAY INHERITANCE, AND THE RUMOUR THEY'RE BANKRUPT MIGHT BE TRUE.
I BELIEVE THE MARQUESS OF RITON'S DAUGHTER IS COMING, YES?
HER FATHER COULD SOON BE VICEROY OF INDIA, I HEAR.
DON'T INVITE TOM.
HE'S ONLY THE SON OF A LIFE PEER.
CONCENTRATE ON GATHERING FAMILIES OF MARQUESSES AND EARLS.
EXPAND OUR CONNECTIONS TO HOUSES ABOVE OR EQUAL TO OURS.


TOMORROW'S TERRIBLE.
EASTER AND THAT IDIOT SECOND SON'S BIRTHDAY ON THE SAME DAY.
OH, GOOD! WE WON'T BE BUSY.
THE INVITED GUESTS MUST BE ANNOYED.
AFTER ALL, HE'S JUST THE SECOND SON, HE'S ONLY A SPARE.
LET'S MAKE THOSE TWO DO THE SPRING CLEANING.
I'VE HAD ENOUGH OF US BEING MADE TO WORK MORE THAN THOSE UNDERCLASS RUFFIANS!


FOR AS LONG AS I CAN REMEMBER, IT'S BEEN LIKE THAT.
EVERYWHERE I LOOK — "STATIS, STATUS, STATUS..."
LOOKING UP WITH ENVY AT THOSE ABOVE, LOOKING DOWN WITH SCORN AT THOSE BELOW...


...AH, WHY IS THIS HOUSE,
THIS WORLD
SO PERFECTLY WARPED...

IT'S FILTHY.
WHAT'S THE MATTER? YOU'VE BEEN ACTING STRANGE LATELY.
... ALBERT ?
YOU LOT ARE THE STRANGE ONES.
I DON'T WANT TO LISTEN TO YOUR CHATTER, HEAR YOUR VOICES, OR EVEN SEE YOUR FACES.
YOU'RE DIS-GUST-ING.
DISGUSTING.
FROM THE START, WHEN HE WENT TO THAT OR-PHANAGE TO DO CHARITY WORK FOR SCHOOL, RIGHT?!
WHY DID HE TAKE THOSE TWO BACK?!
...IT'S THEIR FAULT !!
THEY RE TRICKING US!
BROTHER'S BEING IN-FLUENCED BY THOSE TWO!!
THERE'S NOTHING MORE I CAN DO —

ONLY THAT.
BUT WAS IT REALLY ONLY THAT?!
HE SAID IT WAS BECAUSE THEY COULD READ AND WRITE,
1 YEAR EARLIER
IT WAS REALLY ONLY THAT.
AT FIRST, I TOOK AN INTEREST IN HIM
...
I DON'T WANT TO STAY IN THE HOUSE MUCH
...
MORE IMPORTANTLY, PERHAPS YOU SHOULD BE RESTING AT HOME?
JUST YOUR CONCERN ALREADY MAKES THE CHILDREN HAPPY.
I CAME DOWN WITH A COLD.
I'M SORRY I COULDN'T COME TO HELP LAST WEEK, SISTER.
THAT'S ALRIGHT LORD MORIARTY.

READ ME THIS BOOK ~!
ALRIGHT, I'LL COME OVER-
IT'S NEW. A NOBLE JUST GAVE IT TO ME!
...WHO ARE THEY?
AH. THOSE BROTHERS WERE PLACED UNDER OUR CARE A WEEK AGO
THE YOUNGER ONE IS SICKLY, BUT BOTH OF THEM CAN READ AND WRITE.
WE'RE ESPECIALLY SURPRISED BY HOW MUCH THE ELDER ONE KNOWS.
HE SAYS IT'S BECAUSE THEY USED TO SLEEP IN A RUN-DOWN LIBRARY, BUT...

HE'S ALMOST CERTAINLY NATURALLY INTELLIGENT.
WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?
HOW DO YOU WRITE THIS?
HE WAS A CURIOUS CHILD, I THOUGHT.
ONLY A WEEK HAD PASSED,
YET, QUIETLY, HE WAS ALREADY AT THE CENTRE OF THE COMMUNITY.
I WANT TO BE IMPORTANT SOMEDAY!
SO, TEACH ME TO READ!
HEY... WHAT'S A STRATEGY TO WIN AT GAMBLING?
ODD, IT WITHERED IN THREE DAYS...
DID I DO SOMETHING WRONG ...?

AROUND 40 YARDS OF DIGGING WOULD PROBABLY TAKE A WEEK AT MOST.
IN THIS AREA, THE GROUND IS HARD, SO WORKING 24 HOURS NON-STOP...
...BY THESE CALCULATIONS, EACH PERSON SHOULD PROGRESS ABOUT 10 INCHES PER HOUR.
...NO, CONSULTANT.
YOU MUST FEEL LIKE EVERYONE'S ADVISOR ...
SOLVING PROBLEMS AGAIN?
I THINK IT'S A MORE PEACEFUL WAY OF LIFE THAN STEALING.
LENDING KNOW-LEDGE AND RECEIVING FOOD AND MONEY IN RETURN.
...IT'S HOW I'VE COME TO LIVE.

BESIDES, WHEN SOMEONE IS IN TROUBLE AND I CAN BE OF USE SOMEHOW,
I'LL WANT TO DO ANYTHING I CAN.
From FRIDAY Mar
Robbery at Thompson Manor
ROBBERY AT THOMPSON MANOR
...THEY SAY THE SAFE IN THE CELLAR WAS BROKEN INTO.
AND THE CULPRITS DUG A TUNNEL FROM THE SEWERS!
40 YARDS LONG!
FROM BEING POOR TO GETTING ALL THAT DIRTY MONEY...
WHAT A GOOD FEELING!

!
NOBLES SURE ARE GREAT PEOPLE!
THAT'S RIGHT.
EVERY DAY, THEY WEAR CLEAN CLOTHES, EAT DELICIOUS THINGS, AND SLEEP IN WARM BEDS.
YOU MIGHT ENVY THEM.
YOU MIGHT END UP JEALOUS OF THEM.
BUT THAT'S PROOF OF THEIR ANCESTORS' DILIGENCE AND SUCCESS IN SERVING THE COUNTRY.
THEIR DESCENDANTS, LIKE LORD ALBERT, ALWAYS SHOW ALL OF YOU KINDNESS, DON'T THEY?
THAT SHOWS THAT NOBLES ARE GREAT.
YES!
I WAS GLARED AT AND YELLED AT BY THEM FROM A CARRIAGE...
THEY MADE MY MAMA WORK SO MUCH, SHE FELL SICK AND DIED...
...BUT AREN'T THERE NOBLES YOU HATE...
I WAS TREATED LIKE A THIEF AND FLOGGED IN TOWN...
...WHAT DID I TEACH YOU?

EVERYONE, WHEN EVIL NOBLES APPEAR,
WHAT WILL WE DO?
FIGHT THEM !!
KILL THEM !!
FIGHT THEM !!
WE'LL BEAT THE EVIL NOBLES !!

BEFORE THE EYES OF GOD, HE PREACHED RIGHTLY WICKED WAYS.
WHEN EVIL PEOPLE ARE ELIMINATED, THIS COUNTRY WILL BECOME IDEAL.
LORD ALBERT?
...
YOU'LL HAVE A DECENT MEAL LATER.

I UNDERSTAND, LUIS.
BROTHER JUST NEEDS A BIT OF...
...SORRY, BUT...

HIS MENTAL FATIGUE MUST BE UNIMAGINABLE.
AND HIS INTELLECT IS AMAZING.
THE AMOUNT OF KNOWLEDGE HE HAS IS ENORMOUS.
WHEN "EVIL PEOPLE" ARE RIGHT BEFORE YOUR EYES...
WHAT WOULD YOU DO?
...BUT THAT'S WHY WE WANT TO RELY ON HIM.

FOR THE SAKE OF IDEALS, WOULD YOU BE ABLE TO KILL A PERSON...?

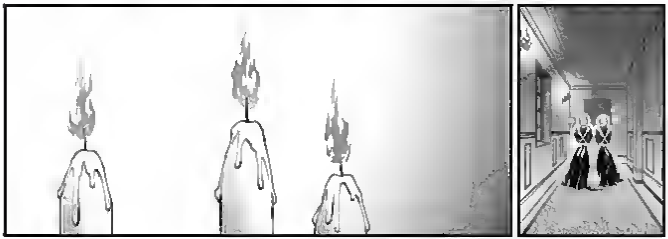
...REALLY... TOLD TO DO THE CLEANING, BUT FORGOT ABOUT IT AND SLEPT...

!?
NO NEED TO WORRY, THESE TWO ARE DOING IT PROPERLY.

WE'RE ALREADY GOING TO BED.
ALL 548 OF THOSE PROPERLY SHINED BY MORNING!
YOU GOOD-FOR-NOTH-INGS!

...AND JUST IN CASE,
I'LL HAVE YOU KNOW I'LL KEEP AN EYE ON THEM, SO NOBODY NEEDS TO CHECK AGAIN LATER.

L-LORD ALBERT ...!
N-NO, UH... THAT WAS...
IT'S FINE, YOU REST.



HURRY UP ...!
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HERE IS GOOD, RIGHT...?

LADY MORI-ARTY,
LORD WILLIAM?
DO YOU WANT SOME-THING?
Y-YOU TWO...
...UH-
IT MUST BE WHAT I SAID DURING THE DAY,
"I WON'T STEAL, OR ANYTHING."
...AH ... RIGHT ...

IT'S THE TESTIMONY OF US NOBLES AGAINST YOU!
THE FACT IS, THE GOOD SILVERWARE IS INSIDE YOUR DESK!
... HMPH.
I DON'T CARE HOW IT LOOKS TO YOU.
THAT'S RIGHT, GET OUT!!!
GET OUT, IMMEDIATELY!
AS IF I WOULD ALLOW YOU TO DO SUCH A THING!
Y-YOU DECEIVED ALBERT, AND YOU WANT TO TAKE OVER THIS HOUSE!
IF YOU DON'T LEAVE THE MORIARTY ESTATE RIGHT NOW, WE'LL THROW YOU TO THE POLICE!!
WITH OUR POWER AS NOBLES, WE'LL EASILY MAKE YOU UNDERCLASS SCUM INTO CRIMINALS!

ALBERT ...?!
WHY ARE YOU HERE ...
...IN THAT CASE, CALL THE POLICE.
IF YOU WIELD YOUR INFLUENCE, I'LL FIGHT BACK WITH MINE.
MY POSITION AS HEIR TO THE TITLE IS STRONGER THAN YOURS AS A WOMAN AND THE SECOND SON.
CALL THEM.
I'LL TESTIFY TO THEIR INNOCENCE.
IS THAT WHAT YOU ASK OF ME IN RETURN?
"IT IS."
"FOR THE SAKE OF IDEALS, WOULD YOU BE ABLE TO KILL A PERSON...?"

I NEED BOTH WISDOM AND COURAGE.
NOW, I CAN SEIZE MY IDEALS.

I WILL HAND DOWN YOUR PUNISH-MENT.
AS PER LORD ALBERT'S REQUEST,

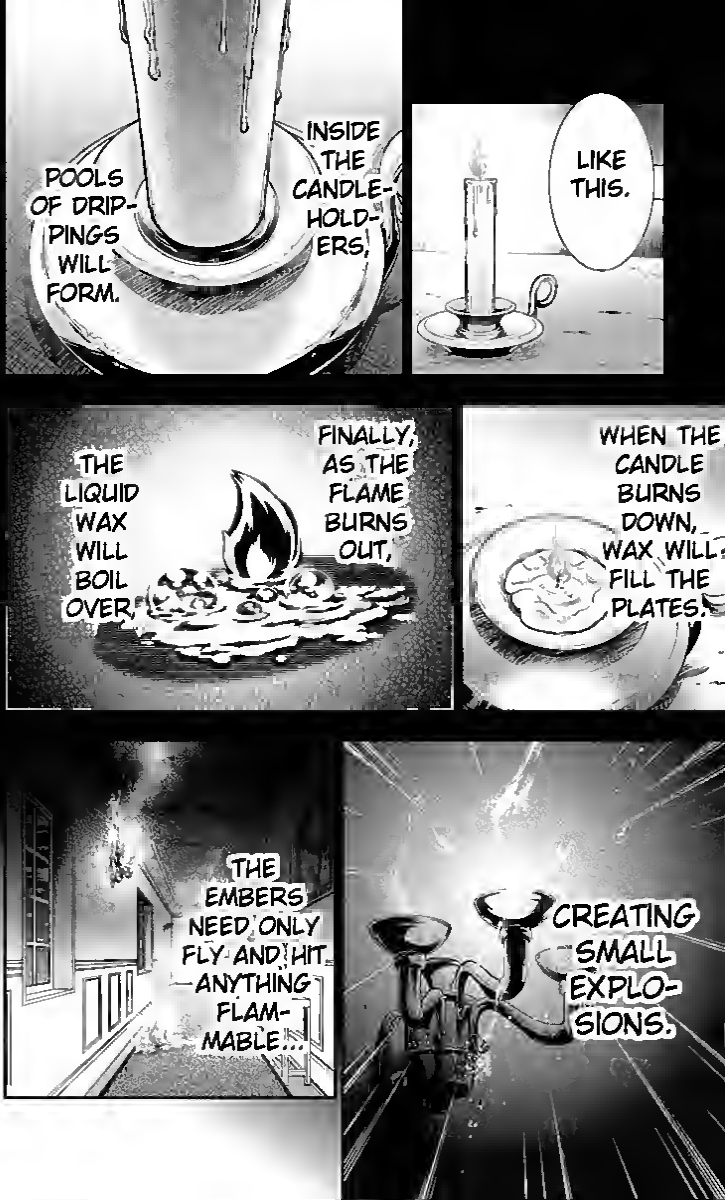
THAT SAME FILTHY BLOOD FLOWS THROUGH MY BODY,
BUT THE MERE THOUGHT OF IT MAKES ME SICK TO MY STOMACH.
...WHAT ARE YOU SAYING ...?
WE'RE FAMILY... THAT'S ...
STOP.
... YOU LOT, THIS HOUSE, THIS SOCI-ETY,
FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY HEART, I HAVE NOTHING BUT SCORN FOR IT ALL.
FROM NOW ON, I'M GOING TO CHANGE IT.
THIS WORLD DOESN'T NEED PEOPLE LIKE YOU.

...
GAH-!
...
WILLIA-
...
!!!
...K-
KAH-
...

ズバー
...URGH...
H-HA-...
A-AH-...
IF YOU TAKE IT OUT, YOU'LL DIE OF BLOOD LOSS.
UUH.
WE'LL BE IN TROUBLE IF YOU DON'T KEEP BREATHING FOR A BIT LONGER.
...THE POLICE ARE INCOMPETENT, BUT THEY AREN'T STUPID.

I WANT YOU TO TAKE A DEEP BREATH AND FILL YOUR LUNGS WITH THIS SMOKE UNTIL IT BURNS YOU.
SO, IN CASE YOU WILL BE EXAMINED BY THE CORONER,
H-H-HA ...
H-HA ...
... WH-WHAT ...

OR, WE COULD CREATE EVIDENCE TO PROVE IT WAS.
IT SHOULD SEEM LIKE SUICIDE, OR A FREAK ACCIDENT.
THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IS THAT NO ONE NOTICES THERE WAS AN INCIDENT.
A PERFECT CRIME.
IN OTHER WORDS,
...HOW ARE THE THREE OF US GOING TO COVER THE WHOLE AREA?
SO, WHEN EVERYONE IN THE HOUSE IS IN BED, WE SET OFF THE FIRES.
THREE OF THE FAMILY, AND NINE SERVANTS
IF WE DEAL WITH ALL OF THEM AT ONCE, BURNING THE ENTIRE ESTATE WILL BE EASY.


POOLS OF DRIP-PINGS WILL FORM.
INSIDE THE CANDLE-HOLD-ERS,
LIKE THIS.
THE LIQUID WAX WILL BOIL OVER,
FINALLY, AS THE FLAME BURNS OUT,
WHEN THE CANDLE BURNS DOWN, WAX WILL FILL THE PLATES.
THE EMBERS NEED ONLY FLY AND HIT ANYTHING FLAM-MABLE...
CREATING SMALL EXPLO-SIONS.

"A BIG FIRE CAUSED BY A CLUMSY MAID'S NEGLECT OF CLEANING DUTIES."
THAT WILL BE THE END OF IT.

AND WE'LL BE PITIFUL CHILDREN BURNT OUT OF OUR HOME.

LET'S GO, IT'S COL-LAPSING.
...LEWIS?

THERE ARE PEOPLE!
THEY'RE CHIL-DREN!!

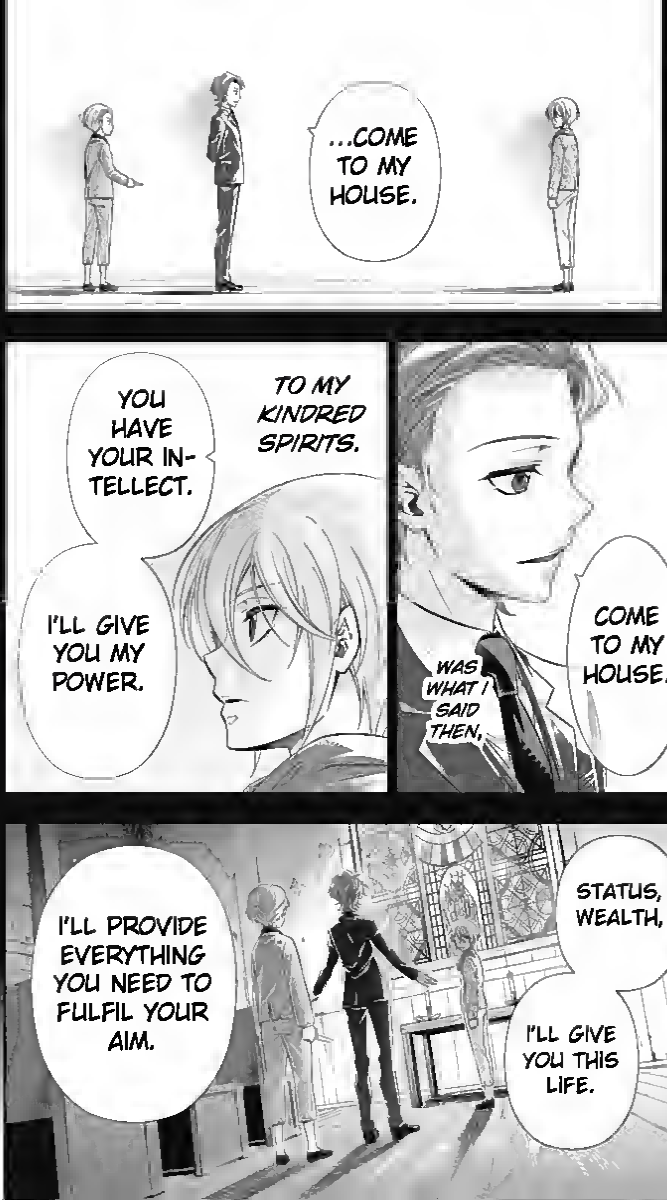
LEWIS!!
WHAT ARE YOU...!
...GUH-!
...T-TO GET CLOSE TO 100 PER CENT...OF BROTHER'S DESIRED RESULTS,
IT'S BETTER IF I DO THIS.
NO ADULT WOULD DOUBT... WOULD BE ABLE TO DOUBT INJURED CHILDREN...

...BESIDES, THIS IS HOW I'LL PAY THE TWO OF YOU BACK.
FOR SAVING MY LIFE FROM ILLNESS...

ACCOMPLICES, COMRADES, FAMILY,
THIS IS HOW THE THREE OF US WILL LIVE ON.
...AREN'T YOU INTERESTING?
IT WAS A WONDERFUL LESSON.
BUT TO TURN THE NOBILITY INTO YOUR ENEMIES,
THAT'S TO PICK A FIGHT WITH THE COUNTRY.
THIS WHOLE EMPIRE,
CAN YOU FIGHT AGAINST IT?

.....
LIVES OUGHT TO HAVE THE SAME VALUE,
EVERYONE OUGHT TO HAVE AN EQUAL RIGHT TO HAPPINESS,
IN THIS COUNTRY, THERE'S NONE OF THAT...
PEOPLE ARE CURSED BY THE CLASS SYSTEM,
FROM THAT, PEOPLE'S HEARTS ARE CLOUDED,
AND, DEMONS ARE BORN.
...IF THAT'S SO, THEN THE CONVERSE IS TRUE.
THAT'S MY AIM.

WHEN THE DEMONS VANISH, PEOPLE'S HEARTS WILL CLEAR, THE CURSE WILL BE BROKEN,
AND THIS COUNTRY WILL SURELY BE BEAUTIFUL.
AREN'T YOU GOING TO REPORT THIS TO SCOTLAND YARD?
YOU'RE A NOBLE.
YOU WOULDN'T WANT TO SEE THIS KIND OF THING, WOULD YOU?

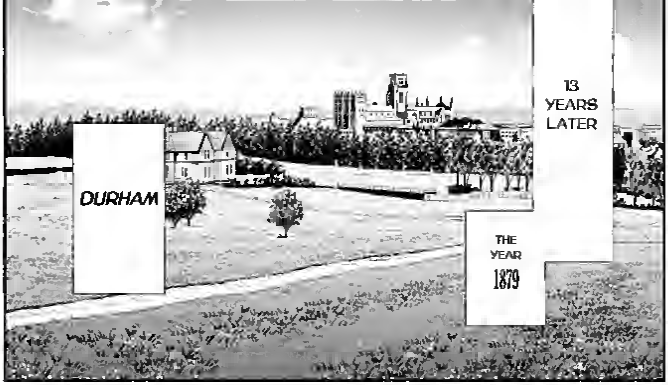

...COME TO MY HOUSE.
TO MY KINDRED SPIRITS.
YOU HAVE YOUR INTELLECT.
I'LL GIVE YOU MY POWER.
WAS WHAT I SAID THEN,
COME TO MY HOUSE.
STATUS, WEALTH,
I'LL GIVE YOU THIS LIFE.
I'LL PROVIDE EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO FULFIL YOUR AIM.

EVEN I WANT TO SEE
THE BEAUTIFUL WORLD OF YOUR IDEALS.
A-ARE YOU ALRIGHT?!
A DOCTOR, QUICK!
YOU ARE...?
... ALBERT.
EARL MORIARTY'S ELDEST SON.
ALBERT JAMES MORIARTY.

THESE ARE MY YOUNGER BROTHERS,

WILLIAM JAMES MORIARTY,

AND LEWIS JAMES MORIARTY.


13 YEARS LATER
DURHAM
THE YEAR
1879

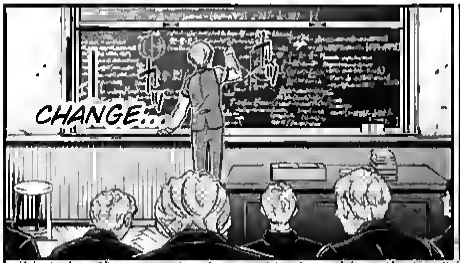
WHAT DID YOU DO? AFTER THAT...
...EEEE-HHHH...

IT MUST HAVE BEEN REALLY HARD FOR MY OLDER BROTHER, THOUGH. HE DECIDED TO DO HIS BEST AND CARRY ON
FOR THE SAKE OF EVERYONE WHO DIED, AND US, THE "THREE ORPHANED SONS"...
.....
WE MOVED TO OUR HOUSE IN THE COUNTRY, AND MANAGED TO GET ON SOMEHOW.
WE ALSO CHANGED SCHOOLS.

...BY THE WAY, WHY DID YOU WANT TO KNOW ABOUT MY PAST?
WELL, WE WANT TO KNOW!
GENIUS?
YOU ENTERED UNIVERSITY AT 16, PUBLISHED A TREATISE ON THE BINOMIAL THEOREM THAT'S COMPLETELY NEW TO US, AND BECAME A PROFESSOR AT 21!
WHAT KIND OF CHILDHOOD PRODUCES A GENIUS LIKE THAT!
...WASN'T IT AMUSING?
...NO... HONESTLY, WE WERE SUPRISED.
SORRY FOR BRINGING UP BAD MEMORIES...
BUT IT WAS REALLY A WARM HOME.
A DIGNIFIED FATHER, A KIND-HEARTED MOTHER, FOUR HAPPY BROTHERS, HARD-WORKING SERVANTS,
THE PICTURE OF A PERFECT FAMILY...

DAMN...
BACK TO THE MATHS LECTURE!
SFX: EEEEEH-?

...WELL, I'VE GONE ON A TANGENT...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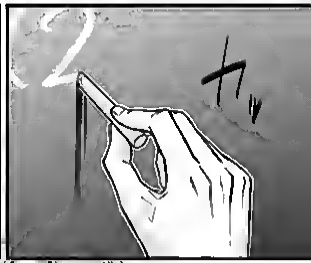
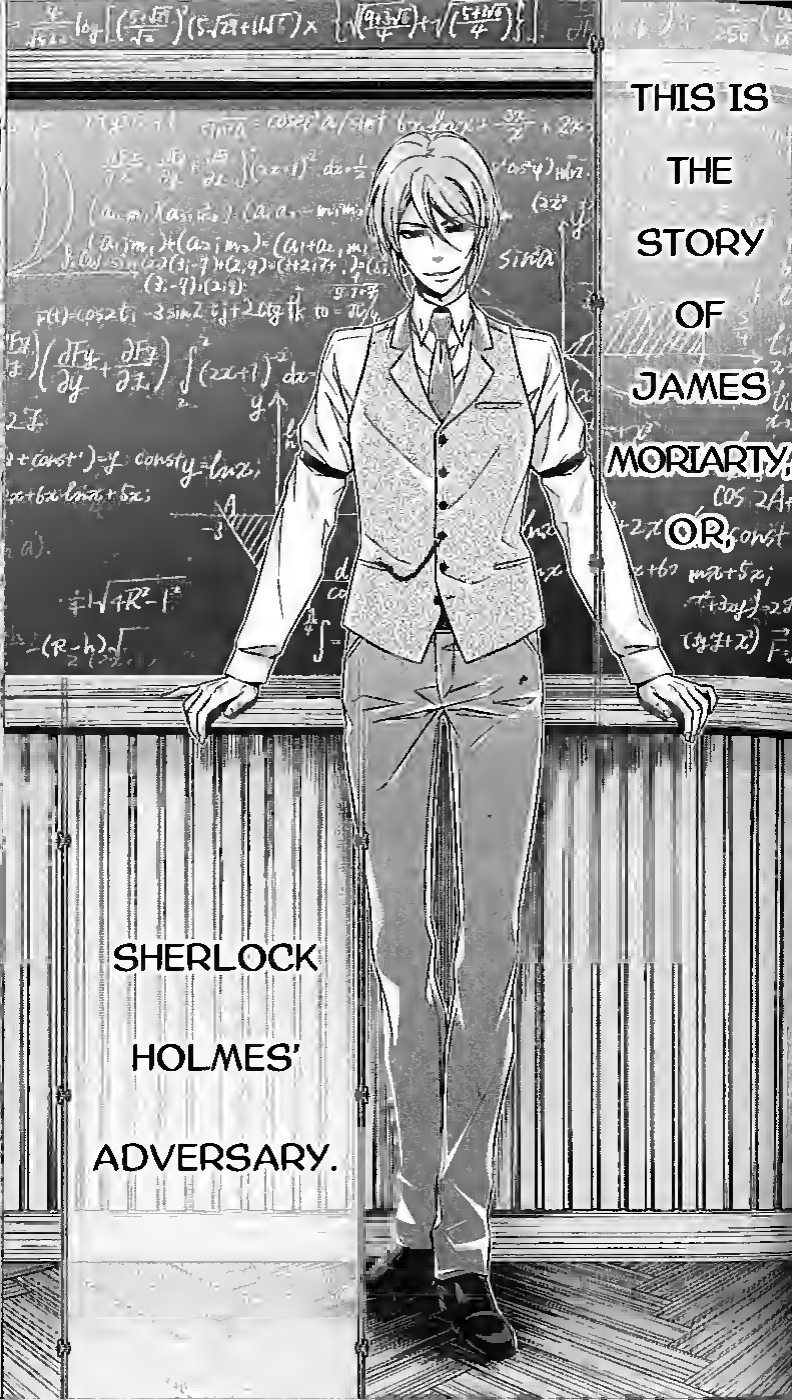


THIS COUNTRY CAN BE CHANGED.


THIS IS THE STORY OF JAMES MORIARTY.
OR,
SHERLOCK HOLMES' ADVERSARY.

This is a housekeeping book. Things like how to use candles are written here.
what will we read next, brother?
Anything could be useful someday.

憂国のモリアーティ

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